

TABLE 2.4: ROAD CHARACTERISTICS OF RURAL VS. URBAN CRASH LOCATION, 2006

ROAD CHARACTERISTIC	LOCATION					
	RURAL		URBAN		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Intersection with Another Road	1,188	18.1%	2,512	31.4%	3,700	25.4%
Five-point, or more	4	0.1%	21	0.3%	25	0.2%
Railroad Crossing	7	0.1%	17	0.2%	24	0.2%
Driveway	255	3.9%	372	4.7%	627	4.3%
Ramp Off	62	0.9%	123	1.5%	185	1.3%
Ramp On	28	0.4%	63	0.8%	91	0.6%
Open Road	4,201	64.1%	2,758	34.5%	6,959	47.8%
Traffic Circle/Roundabout	3	0.0%	72	0.9%	75	0.5%
Parking Lot	517	7.9%	1,703	21.3%	2,220	15.3%
Other	246	3.8%	252	3.2%	498	3.4%
Unknown/Not Reported	47	0.7%	98	1.2%	145	1.0%
TOTAL	6,558	100%	7,991	100%	14,549	100%

Most crashes whether urban or rural occur at an intersection with another road, at a driveway, in a parking lot or on an open road. A higher percent occur on open roads in rural areas (64.1%) compared to urban areas (34.5%) as would be expected. A large percent of crashes in urban regions also happen at intersections (31.4%) and in parking lots (21.3%). About 4% of crashes occur at a driveway.

